

**SENATE . . . . . No. 687**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John F. Keenan***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to removing barriers to non-opioid pain management.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 687) of John F. Keenan and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to remove barriers to non-opioid pain management. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 604 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to removing barriers to non-opioid pain management.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 47KK of Chapter 175 is hereby amended by adding in subsection  
2 (a) the following paragraph:-

3 Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or  
4 renewed within the Commonwealth, which is considered creditable coverage under this section,  
5 shall not require a member to obtain a preauthorization for alternative pain management services  
6 identified by the carrier as necessary to comply with said guidelines developed by the division of  
7 insurance.

8 SECTION 2. Section 8MM of Chapter 176A is hereby amended by adding in subsection  
9 (a) the following paragraph:-

10 Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or  
11 renewed within the Commonwealth, which is considered creditable coverage under this section,  
12 shall not require a member to obtain a preauthorization for alternative pain management services  
13 identified by the carrier as necessary to comply with said guidelines developed by the division of  
14 insurance.

15 SECTION 3. Section 4MM of Chapter 176B is hereby amended by adding in subsection  
16 (a) the following paragraph:-

17 Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or  
18 renewed within the Commonwealth, which is considered creditable coverage under this section,  
19 shall not require a member to obtain a preauthorization for alternative pain management services  
20 identified by the carrier as necessary to comply with said guidelines developed by the division of  
21 insurance.

22 SECTION 4. Section 4EE of Chapter 176G is hereby amended by adding in subsection  
23 (a) the following paragraph:-

24 Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or  
25 renewed within the commonwealth, which is considered creditable coverage under this section,  
26 shall not require a member to obtain a preauthorization for alternative pain management services  
27 identified by the carrier as necessary to comply with said guidelines developed by the division of  
28 insurance.